



ST. THOMAS LAW GATEWAY TO GREAT LEGAL CAREERS

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SPRING GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation this spring is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2017, at St. Thomas University in the Fernandez Family Center for Leadership and Wellness. Graduation registration for law students begins on Monday, February 6, and runs through Friday, February 10, 2017, at the law school Registrar's Office counter. Joint degree students must register with both the law school Registrar and with the university Registrar. The **deadline** for registering with the University Registrar is **February 1, 2017**.

Herff Jones will be coming to campus to provide graduating seniors an opportunity to order individualized announcements and class rings. Herff Jones individualizes announcements by imprinting graduates' names on the announcements. For those interested in purchasing announcements or class rings, Herff Jones will be on campus Monday, March 6, and Tuesday March 7, 2017, in the Goldbloom Convocation Hall (main campus library), from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Pictures of our graduates will be placed in the graduation program. We would like the program to

WHAT'S GOING ON

- February 2:** ABA Solo/Small Firm L & L, Room 104 @ 12:30 p.m.
- February 3:** Reconstruction Amendments, Moot Courtroom @ 3:00 p.m.
- February 4:** VITA Tax Preparation, Hanna Legal Information Center @ 10:00 a.m.
- February 6-10** Graduation Registration, LS Registrar's Office
- February 8** Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, SOB @ noon
- February 8:** Prayers and Reflection, Room 109A @ 12:30 p.m.
- February 10:** 1L Academic Support Workshops, Convocation Hall

include photographs of the entire graduating class. There will be a photographer on campus taking graduation photos on March 6, and March 7, 2017, in the Goldbloom Convocation Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. To help this process run smoothly, you must sign-up for a time slot by visiting <http://go.stu.edu/law/students/grad-photos>

ACCOMMODATIONS

Students seeking testing accommodations must do so before Friday, March 10, 2017, because the law school needs adequate time to evaluate documentation, work out the specific accommodations, and arrange scheduling. If a student does not submit the request for accommodations prior to March 10, 2017, he or she will not be able to receive accommodations on finals in May 2017.

Students who need help or guidance with the procedures and policies should consult with Assistant Dean John Hernandez as soon as possible.

1L ACADEMIC SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Please be advised that the first of three mandatory 1L Academic Support Workshops is scheduled for February 10, 2017. (The other workshops are: March 17 and April 12, 2017.)

All 1L Students (including Flex students) are required to attend as follows:

- Sections 2A, 2C, 3, and 4C – 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
- Sections 1, 2B, 4A, and 4B – 12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Flex Students who are in multiple sections can attend whichever session is most convenient. All other students must attend the specific assigned section. Students need to be sure to sign the attendance sheet.

The workshop will be held in Convocation Hall. This is the large room that is on the first floor of the main University Library. The entrance is on the far side of the main University Library. You go past Einstein's, past the main University Library doors, turn right at the corner of the building and the doors will be in the middle of the building.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Cuban American Bar Foundation is awarding at least two categories of distinct scholarships in the fall term. One category of scholarship is called the “At-Large” scholarship and the applicant must meet the Criteria list below. The amount of this scholarship has not been announced. The “At-Large” scholarship is competitive. Generally more than one scholarship is awarded. All law students at the local law schools compete for these scholarships.

The second scholarship is endowed by Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) at St. Thomas Law, specifically for St. Thomas Law students. CABA annually awards a \$3,000 scholarship to an eligible law student currently enrolled at the St. Thomas University School of Law. To be eligible for the “At-Large” and endowed CABA Scholarships, the applicant must be (1) a Cuban American law student who has distinguished himself or herself academically and/or in service-oriented activities, or both; or has distinguished himself or herself in research, writing, community service, and other activities of importance to the Cuban American community; (2) a currently enrolled student in good academic standing at St. Thomas University School of Law. The scholarship

monies may be applied toward tuition, fees, and housing expenses.

The applicant must submit a competitive essay (no more than 1,000 words) focusing on, and describing in detail, the activities and achievements that qualify him or her for the award, an updated resume, and a copy of his or her transcript.

Students can submit the same information and ask to be considered for both the “at large” scholarship(s) and the endowed scholarship.

Your application should be received by the Student Affairs Office on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. You can e-mail a copy of your application to chartley@stu.edu in lieu of submitting hard copy. Please use your STU e-mail account, or it will not be accepted. It is your responsibility to request a verification of receipt if you e-mail the copy.

This office will then forward a copy of these materials to the Cuban American Bar Association to meet its deadline for receipt of all applications and retain one copy for the St. Thomas University School of Law scholarship files.

BOOHER INN OF COURT

On January 25, 2017, St. Thomas Law student-members of the Stephen R. Booher American Inn of Court enjoyed an evening of cocktails and dinner at the Embassy Suites, Fort Lauderdale. Members enjoyed a powerful presentation about applying the Florida Rules of Court Procedure, specifically regarding evidence presented in court, ambulance chasing, and advertising.



Pictured: (sitting left to right): **Jason Ross** (3L), **Jessica Bracho** (2L), Attorney Michael Fischler; (standing left to right): **Agnieszka Chiapperini** (2L), **Nick Passantino** (2L), Professor **Nadia Soree**, **Joe Galinskie** (1L).

SAVE THE DATE

The St. Thomas Law annual Donor Scholarship and Law Day Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. in the Evelyn and George Goldbloom Convocation Hall. On that day, the Law School will be honoring our named scholarship donors and their student recipients, as well as students evidencing outstanding achievement in academics.

DONOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The following students were selected as co-recipients of the “Best Foot Forward” Scholarship for their devoted services to the Foster Care Community: **Yudilennis Caneda**, **Parbattie Rampersaud**, and **Jason Ross**.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Antonio Dowel, a 3L student, was awarded the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association Bar Prep scholarship. The scholarship is awarded each to deserving African American law school students to assist them in their bar study preparation for the Florida Bar Examination.

Antonio will be recognized at the 2017 William M. Holland Scholarship Luncheon on Friday,

February 3, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. by the West Palm Beach Bar Association. The luncheon will be held at the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts.

Marc Rapaport, a 3L student, accepted a paid Law Clerk position at FORS Attorneys at Law in Coral Gables. Founded in 1982, FORS Attorneys at Law is a Florida-based law firm dedicated to providing exceptional legal representation in connection with business, commercial, and real estate litigation.

Jeremy Solorzano, a 3L student, accepted a paid Law Clerk position with Vernis & Bowling. Founded in 1970, Vernis & Bowling is a full service law firm dedicated to meeting the needs, requirements and expectations of their clients. It has fifteen offices located throughout Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

ALUMNI(AE) NEWS

Ashley Arias, a 2016 graduate, accepted an Associate position with Garcia Paez in Miami Lakes, specializing in insurance defense.

Jessica Castro, a 2015 graduate, accepted an Associate position with Lamchick Law Group, P.A., in Miami, specializing in Personal Injury. With more than 75 years of combined experience and practicing in a variety of different areas of law, Lamchick Law Group, P.A., is a premier law firm.

Kseniya Smychkouskaya, a 2014 graduate, accepted an Attorney position with the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Faculty Announcements

Professor **Marco-Tizoc Gonzalez** moderated on a panel entitled *Charting the Past, Projecting the Future; New Directions in Poverty Law Works in Progress* at the 2017 AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Professor **Patricia Moore** was a speaker on the panel entitled *The Roberts Court and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*, at the 2017 AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Professor **Ira Nathenson** moderated on the topic *Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things, and Social Values*, at the 2017 AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

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